

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2013 and 2014

Nature of Suit	2013	2014					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	271,950	303,820	7,262	39,465	151,617	105,471	5
Contract Actions, Total	27,445	29,763	2,127	546	6,833	20,257	0
Franchise	424	464	0	0	46	418	0
Insurance	8,892	12,380	9	294	3,593	8,484	0
Marine	945	917	4	3	859	51	0
Miller Act	531	463	101	1	361	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	693	623	24	7	75	517	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,565	2,551	1,878	93	187	393	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,969	1,857	1,826	6	25	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	3	5	1	4	0	0	0
Other	593	689	51	83	162	393	0
Other Contract Actions	13,395	12,365	111	148	1,712	10,394	0
Real Property Actions, Total	12,363	9,170	773	284	2,759	5,354	0
Condemnation of Land	187	146	42	14	78	12	0
Foreclosure	7,371	4,961	655	109	1,352	2,845	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	645	564	17	5	404	138	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,018	734	5	17	127	585	0
Other Real Property Actions	3,142	2,765	54	139	798	1,774	0
Tort Actions, Total	57,170	84,691	44	1,719	6,075	76,852	1
Personal Injury, Total	53,279	80,366	9	1,575	4,200	74,581	1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	39,427	66,406	0	52	1,168	65,186	0
Airplane	54	56	0	1	26	29	0
Marine	23	25	0	0	9	16	0
Motor Vehicle	275	205	0	3	21	181	0
Asbestos ¹	2,489	594	0	8	269	317	0
Health Care/Pharma.	7,841	12,767	0	9	519	12,239	0
Other	28,745	52,759	0	31	324	52,404	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	13,852	13,960	9	1,523	3,032	9,395	1
Airplane	201	216	0	15	105	96	0
Marine	1,162	1,252	0	12	922	317	1
Motor Vehicle	3,503	3,601	4	446	197	2,954	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	599	547	0	65	142	340	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	403	329	0	41	288	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,059	966	0	464	79	423	0
Other	6,925	7,049	5	480	1,299	5,265	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,891	4,325	35	144	1,875	2,271	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,239	1,973	30	27	789	1,127	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,652	2,352	5	117	1,086	1,144	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	174,972	180,196	4,318	36,916	135,950	3,008	4
Antitrust	776	848	11	2	835	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	3,259	2,583	13	8	2,562	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,064	2,072	6	5	2,061	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,195	511	7	3	501	0	0
Banks and Banking	402	318	34	27	257	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	36,563	34,667	245	1,269	30,880	2,273	0
Voting	187	105	2	6	96	1	0
Employment	14,078	12,330	123	475	9,965	1,767	0
Housing and Accommodations	657	715	31	11	662	11	0
Welfare	11	2	0	0	2	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,020	1,857	40	52	1,697	68	0
ADA—Other	2,986	3,554	10	24	3,493	27	0
Education	219	380	1	1	374	4	0
Other Civil Rights	16,405	15,724	38	700	14,591	395	0
Environmental Matters	642	1,468	120	167	1,181	0	0
Deportation	22	26	0	17	9	0	0

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Prisoner Petitions, Total	54,676	61,081	0	12,675	48,406	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	8,625	7,549	0	7,549	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,815	19,548	0	2,520	17,028	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	208	170	0	3	167	0	0
Mandamus and Other	861	888	0	312	576	0	0
Civil Rights	17,099	18,306	0	1,156	17,150	0	0
Prison Condition	8,235	13,643	0	373	13,270	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	753	745	0	745	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	80	232	0	17	215	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,277	2,042	1,938	104	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	10	3	0	3	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	6	1	1	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,295	1,070	1,035	35	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	961	967	901	66	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,492	18,530	417	82	17,797	234	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,764	8,126	226	18	7,882	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	943	869	28	10	831	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	8	6	2	0	4	0	0
Railway Labor Act	51	64	0	3	61	0	0
ERISA ²	7,946	7,222	124	5	7,093	0	0
FMLA ³	558	1,078	3	3	1,072	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,222	1,165	34	43	854	234	0
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,056	1,124	14	1,110	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	283	261	0	261	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	773	863	14	849	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	12,795	13,182	5	27	13,150	0	0
Copyright	3,553	3,796	0	0	3,796	0	0
Patent	5,945	6,185	4	27	6,154	0	0
Trademark	3,297	3,201	1	0	3,200	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,299	1,049	224	5	820	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,659	19,636	25	19,611	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	7,926	8,477	25	8,452	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,741	10,308	0	10,308	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	848	710	0	710	0	0	0
Other	144	141	0	141	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	718	682	1	0	608	73	0
State Reapportionment Suits	6	15	0	0	15	0	0
Tax Suits	1,116	1,028	596	428	0	0	4
Customer Challenge	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,374	8,480	16	3	8,254	207	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,372	1,407	0	0	1,390	17	0
Freedom of Information Act	343	430	0	354	76	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	314	328	1	12	272	43	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,806	11,272	658	1,015	9,438	161	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceuticals, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.